



Maud Hart and Delos Wheeler
Lovelace Family Papers.

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774 West Eighth Street Claremont, California

June 29, 1965.

Dear Susan,-

Buffums' now has "Betsy in Spite of Herself". When it came in after Christmas, it got sold, I guess. We'll pick it up today, but I believe I'd better hold it for your new address. Specially since vacation is here and you may be most any place. Will you drop me a card, telling me where I should send it? I am much pleased that you want Betsy to have it on such an important occasion as her ninth birthday. It will go off with a lot of love to her.

Thank you so much for the Pownall clipping. We loved it. What a phrase, those 150-watt smiles! That's a perfect description of Ducky's and I'm glad Ellie inherits it. I was tickled by Ducky's speculative look and the intent ones on the faces of Ellie and Mary. The decorating eggs hobby is one of the most astounding and fascinating I ever heard of, and the specimens described shund very beautiful.

As you probably know, Fred Sr. helped me place some Hart family treasures in the Iowa State Historical Society last winter. He was kindness and gentleness itself in dealing with a distraught female. I am the last surviving member of my generation of the Tom Hart family (which you and Betsy know so well) and all its treasures have come down to me, partly because I am the last and partly because I always was the "saver", the one to whom others gave the old things they would otherwise have thrown out because they knew I loved them. Now I have to begin to plan for the future of these objects. Happily our daughter loves them, too, but a New York apartment will hold just so much. A few of her cousins and second cousins are interested, ~~xxxx~~ Some really belong in historical societies and some will stay with me as long as I live. The big brass bowl described in "Heaven to Betsy", (tell Betsy), she can see whenever you people drop by Claremont' also the little glass pitcher from Betsy's fifth birthday party.

We were glad to get news of the Scotts. I thought of them when we read about the tornado hitting the Minnetonka area. It came very near Masco Bay on which we used to live. We were very worried too about the Mankato floods. The family trip to Ireland sounds wonderful.

We are planning to visit "Iacy" in Buffalo, and Maine and New York this year...between September 1 and October 15, so we'll miss Claremont's worst heat. As

always we are pining to see Merian and Bert. Merian has done her first book. It's a pictorial history of the North American negro and she did it on assignment, so she couldn't have everything just her own way, but she wrote all the ~~expensive~~ copy and the captions, and it's doing well. First edition of 10,000 copies already sold out and a second on its way.

I have long been wanting to do a book with negro children in it, so they won't have to see just white children in all the illustrations. A happy book, without serious problems in it. I remembered a short story I had done for "Jack and Jill" years ago which seemed to lend itself to adaptation to this purpose, so I laid aside the book I've been working on so long (I'm back at it now) and did what needed to be done. Crowells will bring it out in late winter or early spring, '66. I'm very happy about it.

I hope you are nicely settled in the new-old house now, you and your wonderful family. You must be very proud of your husband.

The Dead Sea Scrolls are visiting Claremont~~x~~ and Claremont is agog. Streams of people are pouring in to see them from all over the west. We are more than a little agog ourselves. But every time we've gone over there was a four or five hour wait. Those in charge give numbers to ~~the waiters~~ those waiting, just like in our most popular bakery. Today we are going to stick it out and get in if it kills us.

Delos sends his very best along with mine.

Love,

166 Elm St. So. Timonium -

June 16, 1963 -

Dear Maud -

I was delightfully surprised to receive such a good & long letter from you - and as this one kids fair to be long, I've decided to use air mail stationery - The girls and I use this paper along with carbon paper every week, so that the three of us know what is going on -

And the most exciting thing - in this family, occurred long distance calls as well as letters - On May 30th Roy and Mike's baby daughter arrived in Dallas, Texas -

Lynn Katherine, 7 lbs 11 1/2 oz - Their first baby - our first grandchild - To-day we received Lynn's first picture - and I'm going to get even with a lot of grandmother friends who have been forcing me to admire & exclaim and etc and so forth -

However this is not to be the main subject of this letter, icko' I feel qualified to write much more on the subject of our baby - and if I lived nearer Texas, there would be no stopping me -

I think Mother's stories of her girlhood on the Iowa farm must have been very interesting for I remember much more of what Mother told me than the stories about Dad's early life - A few years ago a Garbutt cousin from Los Angeles started re-visiting Canada, partly to find out information about the Garbuts - and we have become very interested, - but find the family tree difficult

to trace.

I may be telling you what you already know - but being a clever woman - you'll be able to find the wheat among the chaff, I know -

When Grandfather Hart visited us in Petrobia - between wives # 2 and # 3 - sometime around 1910 - he & I used to go for long walks & he delighted in telling about his early married life. He married Aramond Price - both families, i.e. the Hart & Price - lived around Pimicoe Ontario. They travelled by ox team from Pimicoe to Iowa - & Grandmother's waist was so taut that Grandfather could span it with his hands. She loved wild flowers - & was constantly getting Grandfather to stop so that she could pick a few & admire them.

Grandmother was 44 when she died - had lost one baby - left 10 children & was pregnant when she died - but I don't think her courage ever failed - & her bright happy spirit flickered. She was a very sincere Christian - rather Puritanical, maybe. At least she disapproved of flowers in her bonnet, & lace & furbelows in her dresses - There was no church in the district where they settled - Grandmother said she wasn't having her children raised in a godless community - She drove around the country side & collected subscriptions to build the first church.

When mother was 12 or 13 she had what was then called hip disease - and she was in bed for months

with a weight (a brick, I believe) attached to one leg to keep it from being shorter than the other. She loved the old doctor who called regularly - & supplied her with books to read. When she was able to get up - her spine was curved like the letter S - & she had to swing from door-frames etc - and eventually the spine straightened. It was just after this session that Grandmother took sick and died.

Aunt Eva Kennedy came to visit the family then - and, as she found Mother so delicate, she decided to take her back to Canada with her.

So far as I know Aunt Eva was Grandmother's only sister - There was a brother (or half brother) Will Price who had quite a flourishing business in Simeres. Aunt Eva had married the Rev. James Kennedy - a Methodist minister & one who always had country appointments. The Kennedys were living in Centrala when Mother came to live with them. It was a very small hamlet not far from London then - There's a big air-base there now. There were four boys in the Kennedy family - so Aunt Eva was very happy to have Mother live with them - but she never held the warm spot in Mother's heart that her own sweet mother did - The K. boys were Jim - later a doctor in Wingham and a brilliant surgeon - Tom who was drowned when going to High School in St Catharines, - Ed, a druggist in Calgary, - and Merton a dentist in London - All have been dead quite a few years. Mother told me that once she & Cousin Tom had

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a dispute over the relative merits of the President of
the U. S. A. and Queen Victoria - and didn't speak to
each other for six months -

The Kennedys were very kind to Mother in many
many ways - but she was very homesick for her
own brothers + sisters, treasured their letters - & I
think they corresponded quite regularly - And
certainly she missed her own Mother -

After Mother married, Aunt Minnie Agnes came
to visit her in Gorham - I must have been three or four
at the time - and I remember what a very pretty lady was
in the guest room.

By the way - in the early days in the Methodist
church - a senior minister would have 5 appointments
(or more) and a young minister newly graduated, would
board with the senior parson - & share the work - Dad
was the young man in ^{one of} Uncle James Kennedy's parishes -
which is how he met & fell in love with Mother -

Aunt Eva & Uncle James were like grandparents to us
and for years we called their sons - & wives - Aunts &
Uncles -

I was most interested in hearing about Merian &
Berit, Eugene - Jan Lesch - etc.

Did I tell you that Uncle Steve, his daughter Rosemond,
Mother and our Rosemond have birthdays on Sept 23rd ?
When our Roy was born Mother had a note from Uncle Steve
Rosemond, saying that Roy would automatically become a
member of the Augustan Club - Uncle Steve had discovered
that Caesar Augustus was born Sept 23rd - & started the club.

I have not been teaching since 1958 - I only supplied for six months - & found that very strenuous -

Did you know our brother died just before Christmas 1960? He had had a coronary 3 years before - but had recovered - and resumed teaching. In Sept 1960 - he told me that this would be his last year teaching - too many of his friends were succumbing to the strain - But he didn't finish the year - another very severe thrombosis in Dec - and he was gone - I think every one who knew him feels his life eviscerated - his daughter has 2 little girls - and his son has a daughter now -

My sister Louise, & Garbie's wife Irene - spent a week with us just after Easter - Louise & her husband are busy planning a summer in England & on the continent. Their eldest boy David - who had two years post graduate work at Cambridge - is with the External Affairs Dept - & has just been posted to Geneva - He was married last summer. Their second boy, Dennis & his wife - were in London Eng. last winter doing post grad. work - Dennis will be teaching at U. of Toronto in the fall - Donna expected to teach - but will be mothering a baby instead. Terry has another year at Vic - & their daughter is still at High School -

I spent Easter week with our older daughter Elizabeth in Hamilton - thank goodness - she is near enough that I can visit her at least once a year - Roy is so far away - Liz, Bil and I are planning to visit Roy for Sept 23 & 24 - (The 24th is Bil's birthday and then we'll see the baby Mike - Elizabeth is not married.

Uncle Charles Gerretson writes to Louise every Christmas. What a wonderful man he must be. And he writes a marvellous letter. He used to write to Mother, & when she died, Louise kept up the Christmas correspondence -

Henrietta Bowden used to write Mother very regularly too - and I have tried to keep in touch with her - but she doesn't write very often any more -

Aunt Zue really was a character. I never knew she had been in Russia & Spain. I had heard about India, Japan & China & knew she had travelled in Africa - but ^{do} not know if she stayed there. I suppose you have heard the story of how she happened to go to the Philippines in the first place. Louise has Mother's old photograph album - and if I remember correctly, there is a picture of Aunt Zue in it. I haven't the snapshot you mention of Aunts Flo, Rhoda & Mother - It might be with the album in Toronto - but I don't remember it.

I'll send your letter on to Louise - She'll be keenly interested. As we get older, family ties become particularly precious it seems to me -

I had a slight coronary a year ago Christmas - so I've slowed up a lot. I am much better - golf a little, garden a little, rest a lot, and just do what work has to be done -

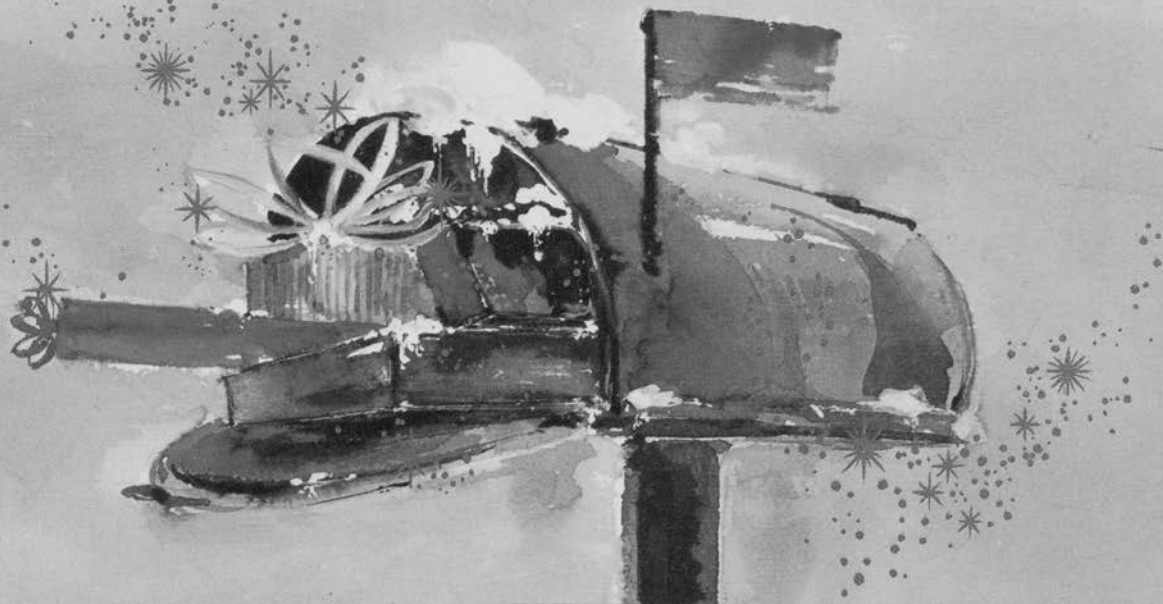
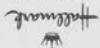
If there's anything more that I can tell you - I'll be only too happy to do so. I've enjoyed this visit -

Love

Ruby -

P.S -

Sorry your trip through D. Delors was so rushed -
Next time plan to stop in Toronto - where you'll find
Louise + whatever of her family is home - Garbie's
wife and daughter Mary - I live 500 miles North of
Toronto in a mining camp - but we have air
connections with Toronto and if you let me know
in time - I could plan to meet you & Delors in Toronto
Garbie's Jim & his wife & baby live in Ottawa now -



Dec 11, 1964

Dear Maude -

Dear grandson, David
Michael arrived in
Dallas on Oct 26th -
a very dramatic entry, -
just 40 minutes instead
of the 36 hours his sister
required to make her
backside appearance.
Roz is very busy, needless
to say - but so far, all
well. Bill & I are now
looking forward to a
trip to Texas in 1965 -
early - Elizabeth will
be home for Christmas
unless planes are grounded -
which has been happening
frequently this winter -
lots of snow - & cold already -
After a particularly good
summer - I flopped a month
ago - & am just getting
back into circulation. Hope to
be mobilized by Christmas Day -
Rudy.

To Maude & Belas -

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Rudy and Bill Linn

166 Elm St So. Timmins
August 18, 1964

Dear Maud -

I suppose you have been thinking I'd never get around to answering your good letter of last April - and, please don't blame Roy for not acknowledging the picture of Aunt Zoe, for I just sent it to her today - It was in with your letter and the other family portraits - I got them out last week to show Louise - and realised then how negligent & remiss I have been.

Louise & her husband Walter Lee, and Garbie's wife Irene motored to Timmins a week ago today from their summer cottages in Muskoka and they left us yesterday. We had beastly weather, cold all the time, and rain most days - so a warm house with an oil furnace felt good to them - and Louise & Walter needed a rest. They've had a lot of company at the cottage, including their son Dennis with his wife Donna and baby girl Kevin. Dennis was lecturing at Victoria College last year & studying for his M.A. This summer he was interested in a repertory theatre group - & getting an Oxford book of poetry ready for publication - driving himself to the edge of breakdown. Donna taught since Christmas - & as a result - eczema - So the grandparents have been trying to look after the baby - & let D. & R. get rested. I must say I wish Dennis had less brains & more common sense. But the grandparents had long rests even

afternoon while here and slept in every morning. They expected news of a new grandchild in Geneva every day they were here - but {she} evidently is not arriving on schedule - First babies often don't. Their daughter Penny is visiting David & Olga in Geneva for the summer. She's entering Toronto General Hospital in Sept. to train for a nurse.

I don't think Mother looks very much like either Aunt Zoe or Aunt Agnes in those pictures taken at approximately the same age - ^{as Aunts Z & A.} In the one taken in Osceola Iowa (I wonder how old she was then?) Louise remarked on the pensive, almost pathetic expression in her eyes - and there's a trace of the same expression in most of her early pictures - That Iowa picture may have been taken before she had recovered fully from that long illness & long period in bed - just before Grandmother Hart died.

We have a picture of our two girls Roz & Liz taken in London when Roz was about 10 months old. I found a picture of Mother & Dad, Eva and myself - and I was about a year old I imagine. Roz sent us a photo of Lynn at ten months for a Mother's Day, Father's Day gift - ^{the 3 generations.} Had we compared - there's a family resemblance, but it is not striking.

Before I forget - I'm going to digress - back to first paragraph - Along with Aunt Zoe's picture I sent Roz a letter that Rosemond Chapman had written to Mother, Dad & Louise - after meeting them in St. Thomas - She was returning to Portland with Uncle Steve & Aunt Roberts

+ Their train went through St Thomas - & Dad & Mom
+ Louise met them there ^{going over from London.} I think Anacle Steve had
had a serious operation in the East. It must have been
shortly after Roz was born - for Rosie Chapman (as you
call her) told of the Augustan Caesar Clubs to which
Roz belonged because her birthday was Sept 23,
like Mother's, Uncle Steve's and Rosie's. A very
dear friend has a little granddaughter born on
Sept 23rd - & her mother Kay was quite intrigued with
the story of the unique clubs for which her baby qualified.
Rosie wrote a lovely letter, and I sent it to our Roz
with Aunt Zee's pictures. I'm sure Roz appreciates anything
this summer that can help her forget the heat. It has
been so hot in Irving - and her baby is expected
in October.

I have no idea who # 2 is in the snapshot of the
Fowlers, I, Kolman, & Uncle Tom.

Thank you for the picture of Ursula Lulover
Grandfather's sister and the information about her -
all these oddments of family history are fascinating.
and Louise and I think your explanation of the
"mystery" picture is quite likely correct. Thanks
also for the picture of Emma Hart Chalwick -
If I am not mistaken, one of those sisters of Grandfather's
was not only a beauty, she was a flirt & had quite
a gay time in Toronto - but I've forgotten the details
of the story.

When I was teaching in Fort Erie before I was married, I lived in a flat with two other girls, one of them was a Helen Lulu from Seneca - and I went to Seneca with her for Thanksgiving week - and Her father was related to the Lulu's Aunt Emma married ^(her name was Sylvanus Nelson Lulu) They had a beautiful, large home on a farm near town, we had dinner with Uncle Will Price and Aunt Clara, I used to think, as a child, that the Price home was Buckingham Palace being accustomed ^{to} Methodist parsonages, They had a mahogany dining room table - and never used table cloths - I don't even remember place mats - and their china was hand painted. Uncle Will didn't think much of electricity - but Aunt Clara wanted electric lighting. So downstairs they had electric lights, upstairs gas fixtures (which I loved.) My dad was raised on a farm, of immigrants Yorkshire parents - & he was brought up to the firm belief that man was the Lord of creation - & it was woman's duty to wait on him, hand & foot - I know Mother effected some changes in his attitudes - but he was always looked over at the way Uncle Will waited on Aunt Clara - stooping to tie a loosened shoe - lace on the street! etc.

Did I tell you the peculiar story of the family prayer situation in the new ménage, ^{after} when Dad & Mother had their first meal in their new home,

Dad read the Bible - then bride & groom knelt - Dad said - Pray, Emma - Mother said - I won't - Dad repeated the order - I don't know how long they genuflected - before Dad realized he had to capitulate - & he got up & strode off - In the Kennedy home, Uncle James Kennedy, did the vocal praying. In Dad's home, when Grandfather Garbutt told Sarah to pray, she prayed. Perhaps she enjoyed doing it - she was a saintly old dear - who lived with us for years (when I was born - & when Garbie was born, she was with us) after her husband died.

I should keep an account of the family anecdotes I tell you - for there are such long periods between letters, that I forget what I have written. I'm reaching the age where I'm very forgetful anyway -

In one respect, not as forgetful as Louise. She hasn't visited us too often - for Dimmino is well off the beaten track - but every time she does, she leaves something behind. Mon. morning she was sure she had collected everything (keys) before she left. Tues. morning I found a drawer full of ^{her apparel} bathing suits, shorts, sweaters, etc. when Bill mailed them yesterday we put from "Linn's Record Hand Store" in the box.

Henrietta was good enough to give me her copy of the Lee Family Genealogy - as I have children who might be interested. Aunt Rhoda had

one, too, did she not? I must get it out and refresh my memory on some of the family names & history it contains

Louise's husband's grandfather Lee came from Bristol - Devonshire - The " " was Lord Nayak at the time -

Tracy must have got her second name, Cecina, from the Cecina Culver whom Uncle Sam married. I must write Helen Culver McBarw and ask her if her family have any interesting details of the Culver connection. This time, I'll write down the information - (if I get any)

I had completely forgotten - if I ever knew - about the Drs. Hamlet & Arthur Hart - of St. John's Mich.

Re Aunt Zui's departure from Minneapolis - it is likely I who made the mistake - & the story should say it was the Director of Education from Hawaii who offered her a job. I'd love to have the information tid-bits re Aunt Zui's travels and positions some time when you have time to write them down - unless, of course, you enclose them in the Hart Brochure you and Rose are compiling!

Thurs afternoon -

Interruptions -

Bill and I golfed yesterday morning - and I was out for dinner and bridge later, when I got home

Bill told me there had been a Long Distance call for me from Matheson - some friends en route to Toronto. It turned out to be the woman who lived in the apartment with Helen Culver (supra demonstramus) and me in Fort Erie back in the 20's. They were here for lunch - for Helen had her professor husband with her - from Ann Arbor, Mich. - and ^{they} have just left.

Thank you for the booklet about you & your Betty - Lucy books. Louise and Irene were much interested - & if you have any extras, would like to have copies. Louise took my copy home with her to show to Dennis.

In a good many years now, Irene (Charlie's wife) has worked every Thurs. afternoon in a Toronto creche - children of working mothers as the poorer families are looked after. Irene has been in charge of the library for the last few years - one reason for her interest in your children's books. Irene is a born story-teller - was a K. P. teacher before she married - and is very much at ease with small children. Besides, she has four small grand daughters.

I did look in the card-index at our library for Lovelace books a few years ago - but to no avail. I shall try again.

We have a cousin Bernard Garbutt in Los Angeles who worked with Walt Disney for Snow White & Dumbo. He animated the little deer - & his wife wrote several

Animal books for children - which Bernard illustrated -
One of them was "Dorothy". Kathleen Garbutt died a
few years ago - Bernard has his own studio in L.A.
now.

You did send me one of Kathleen's advertising folders
and I have it in my family scrap book.

If David & Olga Lee have a son he is to be called
Stephen - & Louise was quite intrigued with the number
of Stephens or Stevens in the Hart family connection -
Louise's Aunt Kennedy was Stephen Murton - too -
Aunt Eva's youngest son -

We are expecting to have Elizabeth home the first
week in September - and Bill and I hope to be in
Toronto, Hamilton and Prescott later in the month.
I think I told you in my note how thrilled we
were to have Roy and Lynn with us for two weeks
after Easter. Dallas & Dominica definitely are too
far apart -

We've had a busy summer - we redecorated the
living room and dining room - and the day the
paper-hanger arrived heralded the arrival also of
cousins Lorne & Gertrude Garbutt from Toronto.
It was quite a schmonozzle - but all survived. Lorne
had become interested in the speculation fever that has
put Dominica on the map - & invested in Bedford
St. - so he decided to do some on-the-spot
investigating. Luckily he sold - at least some of his

stock before the Windfall fiasco. Bill & I never have had enough extra cash to play around with mining stock - but this year has been lucky for some & disastrous for many in the camp -

I think you do look like Mother - Maude (thanks for the snaps). Lance, Garbie, and I quite definitely are Garbatts, both as to build & looks - (all but from the same piece of cloth as one mutual friend said.) Mother used to say that Garbie looked like Uncle Steve - but as Garbie grew older, it seemed to me he was almost a perfect duplicate of Dad - and his disposition was very similar, quiet, kind & that subtle English sense of humor - I'll look up some snaps and send them along - mostly oldtimers - for we haven't had any family snaps taken lately.

You mentioned a letter from Barbara Kennedy's daughter - re Betty Daisy Burke. Garbie's daughter Mary met, & for a while was quite interested in a lad named Wilson - & the two had been going together for some time before they discovered he was Barb's son. He wasn't happy at home after his father remarried - & Garbie feels sorry for the lad. The romance never developed into anything serious between the 42nd cousins -

I was talking to Gretta Kennedy Lead on phone in Gemini's Easter week. She had been invited to a

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tea I was going to - but had the flu - so
we had to do our visiting on the phone -
Deary me - how I rattle on!

We did so enjoy your letters - and if I can
pick up any news of the Ellis family, I'll let
you know - would there be any in that Montagu
genealogy? I wonder if it is a branch of the
same Ellis family that has one of the largest
jewellery stores in Canada - Ryrie, Burke, Ellis.
I rather Ursula Bulwer's husband had a
jewellery business in Toronto - Interesting - but
not quite as intriguing as the idea that we
might be descendants of William Shakespeare -
his blood in our veins would be greatly
diluted by this time, I fear -

Love -

Ruby -

Most of the snaps you may keep and
welcome - Sorry I couldn't find more
recent ones - but would you please
return the two taken in Texas?

146 Elm St So.

Tommins Dr -

January 16/64

Dear Maude -

Oh long long last I am starting a letter to you. It won't be finished in one sitting - because it is near the dinner hour - and I am thinking seriously about going to church tonight. All the Protestant denominations in the camp are having a week of special services - with the guest speaker from the Lutheran University in Waterloo. He's good - I know very little about the Lutheran Communion.

I believe I told you in my Christmas note that Bill broke his wrist early in Nov. - on the curling rink. It was hard for him to stay away from the rink - he started the New Year right by returning to his favorite sport - but he still cannot sweep. He's been a skip for years in our house is practically furnished with curling prizes - as a skip - he doesn't have to sweep, - much. His wrist is still swollen & bothers him frequently, particularly at night.

Yesterday I had a letter from Louise's husband, Walter Lee - The fact that Walter was writing me was enough to upset my equilibrium for the rest of 1964. He was writing because Louise had slipped on some ice en route to a church meeting - and broken her wrist. The bright spots in the situation was that

Bill is right handed & broke his left wrist. Louise is left handed and broke her right wrist.

We had a wonderful time in Texas in the early fall - and Lynn Katherine lived up to the fondest expectations of her adoring grandparents and Aunt Liz. I stayed on ten days after Bill & Liz returned home & so had a chance for a more intimate acquaintance with our baby - She was as fat as a butter ball - but very serious. We really appreciated her smiles when she deigned to honour us with ~~them~~. In Roz's last letter we hear she is creeping all over the house - and has two teeth. I really envy her paternal grandparents who see her several times a week. They make good, willing, & capable baby-sitters - so Roz is fortunate.

You asked for Rosemond's address - It is Mrs. J. M. Ricketts, 2909 Douglas Ave, Irving, Texas -

I think we, in Canada, were almost as stunned as you folks at the Nov 22 tragedy - and Bill and I feel closely involved. All Mike's folks live right in Dallas - so did Roz & Mike until they bought their home in Irving. And Irving was where Lee Oswald's wife was living - and Mike takes night classes at Arlington (^{college} where he works now) also connected with the tragedy.

Elizabeth spent Christmas with us - She flew home the Saturday before Christmas & stayed till Boxing Day - Several of her friends were home

from distant parts of Canada - e.g. Beaver Lodge and Calgary - as well as a few from Ontario -

It is wonderful that, once a year, anyway - the Savins return from near or far - they only stayed until Boxing Day - as she moved to a new apt. Dec 13th and had to get settled. Now I'm burning with curiosity to see her new home - I think I told you - she works in Hamilton for the Westinghouse Corporation -

Louise and I were very interested in the fact that Delos studied at Trinity College, Cambridge - I saw some slides of "David's ^(Trinity, its David's college) etc's" - so very beautiful. I just hope that some day Bill & I can visit England (and Ireland - Bill is Irish - & proud of the fact! Imagine!) - David - the Cambridge man - is with the Disarmament Conf. in Geneva now - He & Olga were sent to Madrid for six weeks this summer -

Louise & Walter were overseas for eight weeks last summer. The highlight of their trip was the visit with David & Olga in Geneva - & their excursions thereabouts in the Volkswagen - But they also visited Whitby, Yorkshire, from whence Grandfather Garbutt sailed in 1833 to Canada - & Devonshire the ancestral home of Walter's grandparents -

I did relish those extra stories about Grandfather & Grandmother Herb - I loved the necessities Grandmother chose in the Iowa prairies - 6 silk dresses, melodeon &

sewing machine - I'll wager the silk dresses were made over for Sunday best for the daughters! And I do hope you can trace Grandmother's sewing machine in the Naukato museum. How could a curator be so careless as to remove special markings? I also quite agree that the list of donors to that church "Grandmother" which should go to a museum - I did not remember that it was Uncle Tom who drove Grandmother around getting the subscriptions, Grandfather's \$100⁰⁰ - would mean a very generous contribution in those days.

When I was in Toronto in October, Louise and I looked through Mother's photographs - (I also looked through the snaps I had sent her of our girls when they were little tots - & took a good many of them for Roz - so she could compare them with Lynn.) We have the picture of Grandfather Hart and his three sons -

I am sending you some you did not mention. If you wish to have copies made of any, please do so - but would you please return the originals?

Louise has a copy of the ^{photo in box} snaps of Aunt's Rhode, & Flo with Mother - so I'll return yours. Aunt Agnes was a sweet & pretty girl when she graduated - when Rosemont bought her first car - there was a serious family consultation about a suitable name for the jalopy. I happened to be reading over the full names of the Hart family for a friend - when Roz heard "Miss Agnes"

she immediately chose that name for her car - I don't know whether her great aunt would be complimented or insulted - but Minnie Agnes travelled far & took Roz and Mike and a trunk full of wedding gifts to Dallas after they were married, and served them faithfully until she almost fell apart -

My sister Eva had beautiful hair. Dad as a lad had a head of curly hair & lots of it - Eva & Garbie had the same - & Garbie's son Jim - the girls weren't so lucky. Mother told me once that the undertaker who saw Eva in London said he had never seen such a beautiful child - She had a ruptured appendix when she was eleven - we lived in a little village near Wingham - The surgeon had to be brought in (by slow local train) from London - the nurse from Toronto - The nurse didn't arrive in time for the operation, which was performed in Dad's study - a neighbour woman gave the doctor his instruments - and Cousin Doctor Jim Kennedy gave the anaesthetic - & there was no such thing as sulfa or penicillin!

I was in Grimsby last Easter and called at Greta Kennedy Read's home - but she & her doctor husband were in Toronto looking after Walter's sister, - who has since died. The Reads live just behind the home of an ex-Dominion friend of ours. Selma was the doctor - she's usually called Pat - & she's living in Ontario now - but I haven't been in touch with her for years - She was in Vancouver for a long time. The next daughter was Barbara - she was a

a dear - died several years ago. She had a son who took Garbie's daughter out occasionally - & they had been out together several times before it was discovered that his mother & Mary's father were cousins - The youngest daughter, Aileen is married & lives in Aylmer Ontario - has no children. I had a lovely letter from her after Mother died. I think Aileen & her husband, Jack Hambidge, visited Aunt Rhoda in Seattle & may have visited some of the other cousins, too.

Aunt Rhoda told us that when Aunt Joe was teaching in Minneapolis (?) the director of Education for the Philippines (sp.?) saw her teaching - & told her afterwards that if she ever wanted to leave M. & teach elsewhere she could come to any of his schools any time - & she didn't need to apply - just come. A short time later, she had a disagreement with her Principal - so she told him she'd taught her last day for him - and - off she went to the Philippines.

I was talking to Louise about Grandmother Crossmond's two sisters. Mary married a John Kennedy who lived in Nova Scotia - They died and Aunt Eva & Uncle James Kennedy brought up their two sons George & Will along with their own four boys and Mother. Geo and Will became doctors & practised in Halifax & Musquodahik Harbor, N. S. Louise taught in New Brunswick & visited in The Will Kennedy home & loved & respected Will & his wife Jessie - & their family. Dr Will

practised in a poverty - stricken section of the province - rocky & barren - the people depended chiefly on fishing for their livelihood - & the doctor could hardly find enough cash to educate his family - Many operations he performed on his kitchen table with Jessie giving the anaesthetic & scrubbing for him - and that was years after Eva's operation in the library in Gorvies.

I'd love to have some of your books, Maud - Someone in the connection loaned Mother one once, which we all read - but that was a long time ago. I remember, also, picking up a Ladies' Home Journal once - & found a story in it written by Delos - which I enjoyed.

Louise's son Dennis - who is on a teaching scholarship at University of Toronto this year - is interested in writing - He wrote the lyrics for The Victoria College Show last year - the music was composed by a lad from our part of the province.

This letter is being finished Friday morning. Had to get up early this morning & go to the hospital for some blood tests, without any breakfast. When I got home, I decided to finish this letter before doing any work. It's cold today - 27 below zero with the wind in the South - How Texas or Florida or California can stand us such frigid weather is a mystery to me. When we talked to our Delos Christmas Day - Roy told us it was 70°! Heavenly! It was below freezing when last she wrote.

Louise had a snap & letter from Dr. Gerritsen - and I
(over)

Did anyone get in touch with you re the Montross
genealogy? A John Taylor called on Louise in 1959 - seeking
information re our family as descendants of Abramson
Price, and later the family history was published. We
did not get a copy - but evidently, the Canadian Archives,
Library of Congress & Daughters of American Revolution
did. However Louise has some literature regarding
it - if you wish to see it -

"Francis & Levi Montross were children of Peter Montross,
United Empire Loyalist, born in Westchester Co. N.Y. in 1742. He was
a great grandson of the first Montross settler in N.Y. Pierre
Montross who was born in France - & two of his children
were baptised in Kingston N.Y. in 1693.

Abramson Price was a grand daughter of Frances
Montross and Thomas Price."

I hope I have not been guilty of too much
repetition. I have a hard time remembering what
I write to whom - when I get into one of my loquacious
moods.

Lounges - Ruby.

Photograph of Aunt Min
Feb 17, 1897, taken in
Louverne. Signed M. Agnes Hart